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DR. MILNER'S "END OF RELIGIOUS CONTROVERSY."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CATHOLIC LAYMAN.

SIR,—Those who have to deal with Romanists in controversy cannot have failed to observe that Dr. Milner's book furnishes them with their material, and that they take little or no pains either to verify his quotations or test the soundness of his assertions. The book is considered, even at the present day, so important, that a cheap edition is produced that cannot be remunerative as a money speculation. The object is apparent; for we are informed in the preface that it is the work of all others best calculated to gain over (uninformed) Protestants.

Dr. Grier's reply is antiquated; the arguments are, in fact, not "posted up" to the present advanced state of the controversy. The two American replies by Dr. Jarvis and Bishop Hopkins are both excellent as far as they go, but they fall short in many respects, and it is admitted that there is room for another.

The subject has been suggested to me several times; but incessant professional occupations have interfered with my carrying out my plans. I have, however, prepared a series of papers for publication. The scope and object of the work will be sufficiently explained in the title I propose to adopt—*Pious Frauds exemplified by Dr. Milner's "End of Religious Controversy": being Original, Selected, and Contributed Articles, illustrative of Dr. Milner's Fallacies and Fictions.* Edited by, &c., &c.

There is scarcely an anti-Popish work in which we do not meet with some reference to the book in question, detecting some fraud, fallacy, or misrepresentation. A part of my plan is to select from such sources, and, with the contributions of friends and original articles, to make up an interesting and practically useful volume.

My object in bringing this subject to your notice is, that by kindly giving this letter a place in your journal, your readers may be informed that I shall be glad to receive their contributions to the proposed work, each contributor selecting such parts in which he feels most interested.

Facts and quotations must be well authenticated by precise references, so that their accuracy may be readily tested.

Such a work as now contemplated cannot fail to be useful.

Contributions are invited by, sir, your obedient servant,

C. H. COLLETTE.

57, Lincoln's-inn-fields, London,

March 22, 1856.

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